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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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- 1. This memorandum is for information only.
- 2. Forty letters have been received from the public regarding the Powers case since the date of the pilot's release from Soviet control on 10 February 1962.
- 3. 23 letters which were written prior to his public hearing on 6 March have been received. Of these 8 were antagonistic to Powers or the CIA; 15 were friendly, neutral, or simply raised questions about particular aspects of the case.
- 4. For the recent period, 6 to 14 March, 8 letters were hostile and 9 were friendly or neutral.
- 5. The file of 40 letters is available from my office should you wish to read them.

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